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James Hogue

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Token hobby: a coincidence

BY LEON WATSON
Staff Writer

There's an old saying that coin collectors are divided into two groups: those who have ancient coins and those who wish they did. James Hogue is in the first group.

"I have a Tribute Penny," the Levelland Coin Club member said. "It is the type of coin given to Jesus when he was asked whether to pay tribute to Caesar and he replied, 'Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'"

In the Biblical days there were no banks, so the way to keep money safe was to put it in a jar and bury it. Coins are still being dug up and Hogue has several that came to him "right out of the ground."

"I have coins of such famous persons as Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, Mark Anthony, Brutus, Pontius Pilate, Emperor

Nero, Catherine the Great of Russia, and Edward VI of England (1553)."

A Batral coin, the type of coin paid Judas to betray Christ, is one of his prize possessions.

"The Bible says that Judas was paid 30 pieces of silver, and there was three types of silver coins at that period of time in Jerusalem," said Hogue. "I have two of the three types. It is believed that there was a mixture of the three types in the 30 pieces of silver." It is his goal to put 30 coins of this type into one collection.

He has won the award for best exhibit of ancient coins at the state show twice in three years, and has exhibited in Levelland, Lubbock, Littlefield, Amarillo, Dallas, Austin, Fort Worth and Odessa.

"When I was a boy I would collect match books, baseball cards and the other things that boys collect," he said. "I became interested in ancient coins when I lived in

California."

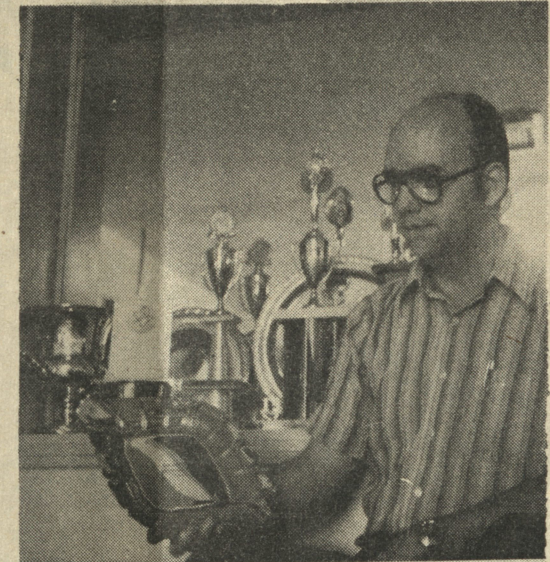
He said he would "hang around" a coin shop there and one day met a man who carried an ancient coin in his pocket. The man let Hogue take the coin home with him, "to figure out who was on it and the history of it." Every time Hogue would figure out one coin the man would give him another one to study.

He now has a private research library of over 125 books and hundreds of magazines dealing with ancient history and money throughout the ages.

"A reminder to would-be burglars is that all valuable items are kept in the bank," he said.

Other items in the collection are primitive or odd and curious money such as sharks teeth and whale teeth from the South Seas; the Kissi penny, named for the Kissi tribe in Africa, which is a long

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COIN COLLECTOR—Ancient coin trophies surround James Hogue who has won the award for best exhibit at the state show twice in three years.

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The clinic will be July 15-26 with participants meeting for one hour each Monday through Friday. Instructor for the session will be C. W. Dukes, associate professor of mathematics at SPC.

The clinic will emphasize the basic fundamentals of basketball including dribbling, passing, shooting, defense, offense and rebounding. Registration fee for the clinic will be \$15. Boys will need to provide their own gym clothes and shoes.

The daily schedule for the sessions will be as follows: third and fourth graders—8:30 to 9:30 a.m., fifth graders—9:30 to 10:30 a.m., sixth and seventh graders—10:30 to 11:30 a.m., and eighth and ninth graders—11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The schedule is based on the

charge of all sports for both boys and girls. In 1952, he moved to Lazbuddie High School and in 1957 he coached at Sundown High. While at Sundown his girls teams won three consecutive Class A titles in 1961, 1962 and 1963.

After a year at Friona High he joined the SPC faculty in 1965 where he was assistant basketball coach in five years.

As a player for Tyler Junior College for two years, he helped his team to conference and zone championships. He completed his undergraduate basketball career at Texas Tech University.

Boys interested in taking part in the clinic may register at any time between now and July 15 at the Office of Continuing Education in the Technical Arts Building on campus.



TRIBUTE PENNY—This is an original type of coin given to Jesus when he was asked whether to pay tribute to Caesar and he

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COINS

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twisted iron money, resembling some kind of thick wire, that the Kissi tribe believed had a soul.

"If the Kissi penny was broken the natives had to take it to the medicine man to have the soul restored."

African bracelet money made from tail hair of an elephant also graces the collection. The whole elephant tail was too valuable for the natives and was reserved for the chief.

"Salt was used as money in parts of Africa that had no natural salt deposits. This is where the saying 'a man being worth his salt' comes from." The Roman legions were issued a ration of salt with their pay. It is from the latin word for salt that our word salary comes from.

"Items made money by law in colonial America were musket balls, nails and tobacco. Much to our revulsion today is the fact that slaves were traded as money in America, the West Indies and Africa. I do not have any of those in my collection."

The Chinese had small silver ingots for money shaped like chairs, pack saddles and shoes. They had bronze money shaped like knives, pants, hoes, dragons and bridges. In Siam they had a round sand cast coin that was not accepted unless it had egg yolk baked on one side.

A similar piece of money with a large hole literally basked in one side is called pig money. The official Siamese government money was made of flat pieces of silver which were hammered into a round bullet shape--hence the name bullet money.

"The American Indians used porcupine quills for money and the Aztecs used cocoa beans. It was said that a lady's favors could be bought for seven of these beans. My collection only contains five."

His collection contains gambling tokens circulated as money in Siam in the early 1800s and another type circulated in Las Vegas in the late 1960s.

"One item my guests question is a gin bottle. They refuse to accept it as part of my money collection—but it is. Gin in unopened cases was used in Ethiopia between the world wars as money and a hedge against inflation.

He said that dates were not put on coins until the 15th century but coins were marked "third year in the reign of Caesar", etc.

"I want to build a collection of coins from the New Testament period of the Bible," he said. "I have three or four and there are probably 15 or 16 in that period."

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, coins and currency form a universal part of the lives of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the American Numismatic Association, a non-profit organization founded in 1891 and chartered by a special Act of Congress of 1912, is observing the week of April 21-27, 1974, as National Coin Week; and

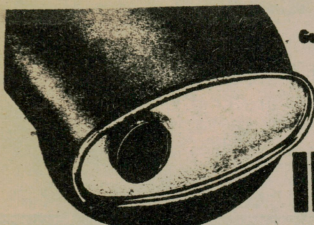
WHEREAS, the members of this and kindred associations encourage and promote educational and fraternal relations and foster the interest of young and old in a subject that is entertaining and instructive as well as valuable in encouraging thrift; and

WHEREAS, the association has adopted as its theme for this year, "History in Your Hands";

THEREFORE, I, James A. Montgomery, Mayor of the City of Levelland, Texas, do hereby designate the period of April 21-28, 1974, as NATIONAL COIN WEEK in the City of Levelland, and urge all citizens to visit the exhibits sponsored by the Levelland Coin Club.

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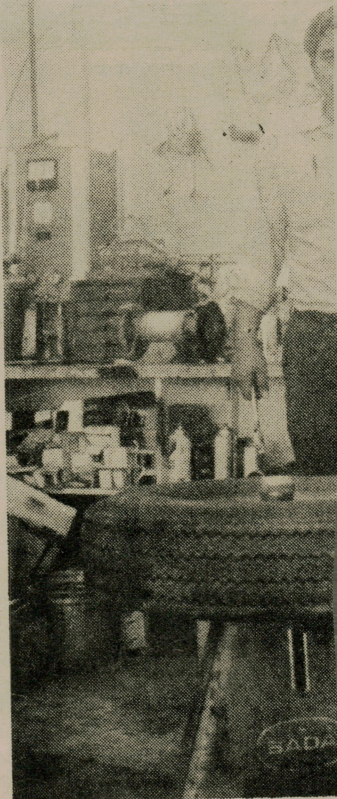
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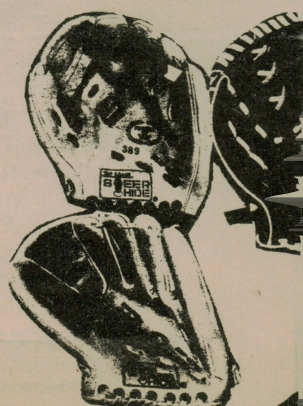
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Coin Week proclaimed

Editor's Note: Mayor James A. Montgomery placed his signature on a proclamation, declaring the week of April 21 through April 27, as National Coin Week. The following is a copy of the proclamation.

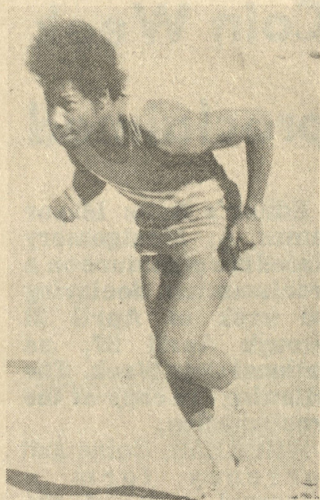
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JAMES SANDERS, South Plains Texan sprinter and a freshman from Clovis, set a new school record this week in the 100-yard dash. He ran a 9.3 in the preliminaries at the Thunderbird Relays in Hobbs. Sanders came in second in the finals with a 9.4 clocking. The Western Junior College Conference meet is set for next Saturday in Hobbs. (SPC Photo)

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